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SUBJ: LOA FOR A/T-37 AIRCRAFT FOR COLOMBIA

REF: A. US EMBASSY BOGOTA MSG 271553Z FEB 78 (NOTAL)

B. USAF/LGF MSG 142200Z APR 78

1. REF A. IS US EMBASSY, BOGOTA REQUEST FOR PLANNING AND BUDGETING (P&B) DATA FOR A-37 AIRCRAFT FOR COLOMBIA AND CONTAINS RATIONALE FRO PROCUREMENT, AND MY RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL. REF B. IS THE REQUESTED P&B DATA FOR TWO A-37B AND FOUR T-37C AIRCRAFT AND AN OFFER TO PREPARE THE APPROPRIATE LETTER OF OFFER (LOA).

2. GEN RODRIGUEZ, COMMANDER OF THE COLOMBIAN AIR FORCE (FAC) HAS REQUESTED THE LETTER OF OFFER OF REF B AND ALSO HAS REQUESTED THAT THE APPRECIATION OF THE PRESIDENT, THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND THE FAC BE RELAYED TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE FOR MAKING THE AIRECRAFT AVAILABLE. HE REITERATED THAT THE PRIMARY MISSION FOR THESE AIRCRAFT WILL BE TO PREVENT INAUTHORIZED ENTRY INTO COLOMBIAN COASTAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE FOR THE PURPOSES OF TRANSPORTING
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CONTRABAND. CLEARLY, THIS MISSION IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND HAS MY WHOLE HEARTED SUPPORT. EARLY APPROVAL FOR SUBMISSION OF THE LETTER OF OFFER IS REQUESTED.

3. PAYMENT WILL BE WITH FY 78 FMS CREDITS. AS FINAL 782 CREDIT LEVELS ARE STILL UNKNOWN, POSSIBLE REPROGRAMMING

OF 781 MAY BE NECESSARY.

4. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED TO AID IN PREPARATION OF REQUIRED PRICE AND AVAILABILITY (P&A) DATA:

A. PROCUREMENT OF FOUR T-37BS. THE FAC CURRENTLY OPERATES T-37C AIRCRAFT AND THEREFORE BELIEVES THAT A SYSTEM TYPE SALE FOR THE FOUR T-37BS IS NOT REQUIRED, HOWEVER, LOA SHOULD INCLUDE SPARE ENGINES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARD PLANNING FACTORS AND SOME AGE. DETAILED AGE LISTS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS THEY CAN BE DEVELOPED. FOLLOW-ON SUPPORT WILL BE THRU ESTABLISHED FMS CASES AND THE CURRENT SUPPLY SUPPORT AGREEMENT.

B. PROCUREMENT OF 2 A-37BS. WITH REGARD TO THE A-37BS ACQUISITION, A BALANCE BETWEEN THE NEED TO PROPERLY SUPPORT THE WEAPONS SYSTEM AND THE NEED FOR ECONOMICALLY ACQUIRING A TWO AIRCRAFT FLEET WILL HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED. HOWEVER, ALL PROGRAMMING ACTIONS SHOULD REFLECT HOST COUNTRY PLAN, FOR EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT OF T-37 FLEET WITH A-37S, AS AIRCRAFT AND FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE. THE FOLLOWING DATA PERTAINS TO SUPPORT PROGRAMMING FOR THE A-37S AND IS KEYED TO ATTACH. 16 OF DRAFT AFM 400-3 DATED 1 JAN 77. ALL DATA IS PRELIMINARY AND WILL BE UPDATED AS AVAILABLE.

- 1- COUNTRY - COLOMBIA
 - 2- PURPOSE -P/A/LOA
 - 3- AIRCRAFT TYPE - A-37B
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4 - QUANTITY - 2 EA

5 - CONFIGURATION - UNKNOWN- REQUEST LISTING OF 780 EQUIPMENT TO BE PROVIDED WITHIN PRICE ESTIMATE OF REFERENCE MESSAGE AND PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT.

6 - SOURCE DATA - INVENTORY AIRCRAFT, SERVICEABLE.

7- DELIVERY DATA

- A. N/A
- B. N/A
- C. FERRY
- D. PURCHASER
- E. N/A

8 - MISSILES/ELM PODS/BOMBS/AMMO

- A. UNKNOWN
- B. UNKNOWN
- C. UNKNOWN
- D. UNKNOWN
- E. N/A REQUEST USAF PROVIDE LIST OF SUGGESTED ARMAMENT CONFIGURATIONS IAW OPERATIONAL CONCEPT IN PAR 10. BELOW.

9. ANTICIPATED LOA ACCEPTANCE - WITHIN 30 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF OFFER.

10. OPERATIONAL CONCEPT

- A. (1) ARMED COASTAL PATROL
- (2) AIR TO GROUND INTERDICTION
- B. ONE SQUADRON
- (1) 10 T-37/2 A-37 AIRCRAFT
- (2) 25 HRS/MO/A-37 AIRCRAFT
- C. ONE MAIN OPERATING BASE WITH ONE SQ.
- D. NO FORWARD OPERATING LOCATIONS PLANNED.

11. MAINTENANCE CONCEPT

- A. ORGANIZATIONAL AND INTERMEDIATE LEVEL.
- (1) ONE SET
- (2) ONE SET
- B. DEPOT LEVEL

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- (1) ONE SET
- (2) UNKNOWN
- (3) LEVEL AND QUANTITY OF TECH DATA - TO FOLLOW.
- (4) MAINTENANCE FACILITIES CURRENTLY

EXISTS AT ORGANIZATIONAL, FIELD AND DEPOT LEVELS TO
SUPPORT EXISTING FLEET OF SIX T-37 AIRCRAFT. CAPABILITY
ALSO EXISTS TO EXPAND THESE FACILITIES. A-37 PECULIAR
TEST AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS A-37/J-85 SYSTEMS
TRAINING AT ALL LEVELS WILL BE REQUIRED.

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12. SUPPORT CONCEPT.

- A. ONE YEAR
- B. AUGMENTED SSAA
- C. 25 HRS/AIRCRAFT/MO

13. CONTRACT ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES. ANTICIPATE NO REQUIREMENT AT THIS TIME DUE SMALL NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT.

14. WEAPONS SYSTEMS LOGISTICAL OFFICERS/SYSTEMS ACQUISITION OFFICER. NO REQUIREMENT.

15. TRAINING CONCEPT.

A. AIRCRAFT MISSION QUALIFICATION TRAINING FOR TWO INSTRUCTORS PILOTS IN A-37B.

(1) CURRENT AND QUALIFIED IN T-37C, MINIMUM, 750 HRS TOTAL FLYING TIME.

(2) WILL REQUIRE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING.

(3) AIR TO GROUND.

(4) CURRENT

(5) UNKNOWN

B. UNKNOWN, REQUEST USAF PROVIDE A LIST OF REQUIREMENTS BASED ON MINIMUM NUMBER OF PERSONNEL BY SPECIALTY NECESSARY
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TO SUPPORT THE TWO AIRCRAFT OPERATION. ASSUME ALL SPECIALITIES TO BE QUALIFIED IN T-37 AIRCRAFT. AS MUCH OF REQUIRED TRAINING AS POSSIBLE SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN NATIVE LANGUAGE.

C. USAF MOBILE TRAINING TEAM REQUESTS UNKNOWN THIS TIME. HOST COUNTRY DESIRES TO AFFECT REQUIRED TRAINING THROUGH THE MOST ECONOMICAL MEANS POSSIBLE. TRAINING REQUIREMENTS DEFINITION WILL BE NECESSARY TO MAKE THIS DECISION.

D. TRAINING DEVICES - UNKNOWN.

16. INSURANCE N/A

17. QUALITY ASSURANCE - N/A

18. MILGP PROJECT OFFICER AND IN-COUNTRY CONTACT:

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5. MILGP UNDERSTANDS NEED FOR RAPID ACTION. HOWEVER, BECAUSE THE FAC HAS T-37CS, ASSESSMENT F EXISTING HOST COUNTRY CAPABILITY AGAINST REQUIRED SUPPORT FOR THE NEW WEAPONS SYSTEM (A-37BS) WILL REQUIRE A RATHER THOROUGH STUDY. SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF WRITING LETTER OF OFFER

FOR THE SIX AIRCRAFT AND LATER ADDING AMENDMENTS OR SEPARATE
LOA FOR SUPPORT ELEMENTS OF THE SYSTEM AS THEY ARE IDENTIFIED.
LOA CAN BE SENT TO THE MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON
FOR SIGNATURE WITH COPY TO USMILGP COLOMBIA.
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